License Agreement – Globe BMX Inc.

Recommendation

That the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services recommend to City Council:

- 1. That City Council approve the Globe BMX Inc. License Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and Globe BMX Inc.; and
- 2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate agreements and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the appropriate agreements under the Corporate Seal.

Topic and Purpose

The City of Saskatoon (City) and Globe BMX Inc. (Globe) recognize the need to formalize an agreement between the parties for use of the existing BMX Track located in Lakewood Park.

Report Highlights

- 1. The intent of the License Agreement (Agreement) is to formalize, in writing, the current relationship between Globe and the City; and
- 2. Globe is proposing to expand and improve the current facility to comply with the standards set out by Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI), which would enable Globe to host national and international events.

Strategic Goal

Under the Strategic Goal of Quality of Life, the recommendations of this report support the long-term strategy of ensuring that existing and future leisure centres, as well as other recreational facilities are accessible both physically and financially, and meet community needs.

Background

A group of BMX enthusiasts began utilizing the BMX track in Lakewood Park in 2009. Attachment 1 shows an aerial view of Lakewood Park including the BMX track and Attachment 2 shows a more detailed view of the BMX track. At that time, a formal agreement with the City was not established; however, permission was granted to utilize the space provided the group maintained it. In 2010 the group incorporated under the business name of Globe BMX Inc.

Globe provides BMX training and racing to all ages, with the majority of the membership being between the ages of 6-12 years old. Since 2009, membership has increased from 10 riders to 135 in 2018. Globe hosts club, district, and provincial championship races, where participants earn points to determine their national rankings. Globe has successfully hosted three major racing events, the most recent being the Saskatchewan Grand's/Provincial Championships in 2018.

Report

License Agreement

Globe has been utilizing the BMX track in Lakewood Park since 2009. The City is looking to formalize this usage through the License Agreement, which would see Globe operate and maintain the BMX Track in Lakewood Park. Subject to City Council's approval, the key terms and conditions would include:

- 1. The City agrees to allow Globe to use the BMX track for five years, from May through October, with the option of an additional five-year term, for the purpose of providing an environment for members of the club to participate in BMX racing and coaching.
- 2. Globe may install, construct and/or maintain, at its sole cost, installations within the boundaries of Lakewood Park, outlined for Globe use. Such installations may be stored and maintained by Globe, on the lands during the months of October through April each year of the term, provided the installations do not interfere with the City's use of the park, and are otherwise acceptable to the City in terms of location and security.
- 3. Globe would be responsible for the operation, maintenance, and repair of the track and equipment, such as gates and storage facilities.
- 4. All improvements and renovations shall be at the expense of Globe and require written consent from the City.
- 5. Globe is responsible to maintain the track and area in a clean, sanitary and safe condition during the term.
- 6. Globe or event organizers acting with the consent of Globe, will be required to make an application to the Community Services Department for permission to hold special events at the track.

BMX Track

In 2018, Globe submitted a proposal to expand and upgrade the facility to allow it to become UCI compliant. This specific compliance is required to host national and international events and provide the required equipment for the benefit and safety of their members. To move forward with the proposal, Administration is looking to formalize an agreement between the City and Globe.

The Administration has reviewed and supports the request by Globe to improve the BMX track and provide additional support amenities, in principle, subject to Globe meeting the following conditions:

- 1. submitting a final detail design to the City for approval;
- 2. hosting a public information session prior to construction beginning; and
- 3. securing all compliance reports and permits as part of the construction process.

If City Council agrees with this approach, the City and Globe would enter into a construction agreement, which would see Globe assume responsibility for all aspects of the design, procurement, and construction.

Options to the Recommendation

An option would be to not approve the License Agreement or the terms of the License Agreement as outlined in this report. In this case, Globe BMX Inc. would need to find a new location to provide BMX racing within the City.

Public and/or Stakeholder Involvement

Globe BMX Inc. has been involved in the process of drafting the terms and is in agreement to all terms and conditions.

Safety/Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Globe BMX Inc. will be responsible for submitting a detail design to the CPTED Committee. All recommendations from the CPTED Committee will be considered and addressed prior to upgrades of the BMX track.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no policy, financial, environmental, or privacy implications or considerations; a communication plan is not required at this time.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

No follow up is required at this time.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Lakewood Park
- 2. BMX Track

Report Approval

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